

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An optical glass ~~having~~having:

a refractive index (n_d) and an Abbe number (v_d) which are within an area surrounded by straight lines that are drawn by connecting point A ($n_d=1.835$, $v_d=46.5$), point B ($n_d=1.90$, $v_d=40.0$), point C, ($n_d=1.90$, $v_d=35.0$) and point D ($n_d=1.835$, $v_d=38.0$) in a sequence of A, B, C, D and A as border lines in x-y orthogonal coordinates shown in FIG. 1, in which X-axis is the Abbe number (v_d) and Y-axis is the refractive index (n_d), the area including the border lines ~~and~~; the optical glass comprising:

0.1 to 8 mass% of SiO_2 ;

5 to less than 20 mass% of B_2O_3 ;

15 to 50 mass% of La_2O_3 ;

0.1 to 30 mass% Gd_2O_3 ,

0 to 10 mass% of GeO_2 and

0 to 8 mass% of Nb_2O_5 ,

where a total content of Gd_2O_3 , GeO_2 and Nb_2O_5 is more than 10 mass% to 30 mass%;

0 to 5 mass% of Yb_2O_3 ;

0 to 1 mass% of TiO_2 ;

0 to 8 mass% of ZrO_2 ;

more than ~~10~~19 to 25 mass% of Ta_2O_5 ;

0 to 10 mass% of WO_3 ;

0 to 15 mass% of ZnO ;

0 to 5 mass% of RO,

where RO is one or more kinds of oxides selected from CaO, SrO and BaO;

more than 0.5 to less than 3 mass% of Li₂O;

0 to 1 mass% of Sb₂O₃; and

0.1 to 6 mass% in a the total content of fluorides of above-described metal elements as F element with which a part or all of one or more kinds of oxides of above-described metal elements are substituted;

wherein the optical glass is free from cadmium, thorium, Y₂O₃, P₂O₅, and TeO₂, and

the optical glass has a transition temperature (T_g) of 550 to 650°C.

2. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 1, comprising 0.1 to less than 5.5 mass% of SiO₂.

3. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 1, comprising more than 1 to less than 3 mass% of Li₂O.

4. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 1, having the refractive index (n_d) of less than 1.875.

5. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 1, having the refractive index (n_d) of 1.875 or more.

6. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 1, having the refractive index (n_d) of more than 1.85.

7. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 1, having the Abbe number (v_d) of less than 39.5.

8. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 1, having the Abbe number (v_d) of 39.5 or more.

9. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 1, having the transition temperature (T_g) of 640°C or less.
10. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 1, having the transition temperature (T_g) of 630°C or less.
11. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 2, comprising more than 1 to less than 3 mass% of Li_2O .
12. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 4, having the Abbe number (v_d) of 39.5 or more.
13. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 12, having the refractive index (n_d) of more than 1.85.
14. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 5, having the Abbe number (v_d) of less than 39.5.
15. (Currently Amended) An optical glass ~~having~~having:
a refractive index (n_d) and an Abbe number (v_d) which are within an area surrounded by straight lines that are drawn by connecting point A ($n_d=1.835$, $v_d=46.5$), point B ($n_d=1.90$, $v_d=40.0$), point C, ($n_d=1.90$, $v_d=35.0$) and point D ($n_d=1.835$, $v_d=38.0$) in a sequence of A, B, C, D and A as border lines in x-y orthogonal coordinates shown in FIG. 1, in which X-axis is the Abbe number (v_d) and Y-axis is the refractive index (n_d), the area including the border lines: ~~and~~; the optical glass comprising:
0.1 to 8 mass% of SiO_2 ;
5 to less than 20 mass% of B_2O_3 ;
15 to 50 mass% of La_2O_3 ;
0.1 to 30 mass% Gd_2O_3 ,
more than ~~10-19~~ to 25 mass% of Ta_2O_5 ; and

more than 0.5 to less than 3 mass% of Li_2O ;

and

0 to 10 mass% of GeO_2 and/or

0 to 8 mass% of Nb_2O_5 ,

where a total content of Gd_2O_3 , GeO_2 and Nb_2O_5 is more than 10 mass% to 30

mass%;

and/or

0 to 5 mass% of Yb_2O_3 ; and/or

0 to 1 mass% of TiO_2 ; and/or

0 to 8 mass% of ZrO_2 ; and/or

0 to 10 mass% of WO_3 ; and/or

0 to 15 mass% of ZnO ; and/or

0 to 5 mass% of RO ,

where RO is one or more kinds of oxides selected from CaO , SrO and BaO ;

0 to 1 mass% of Sb_2O_3 ; and/or

0 to less than 0.5 mass% of Lu_2O_3 ; and

0.1 to 6 mass% in the total content of fluorides of above-described metal

elements as F element with which a part or all of one or more kinds of oxides of above-described metal elements are substituted;

wherein the optical glass is free from cadmium, thorium, Y_2O_3 , P_2O_5 and

TeO_2 , and

the optical glass has a transition temperature (T_g) of 550 to 650°C.

16. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 15, comprising 0.1 to less than 5.5 mass% of SiO_2 .

17. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 15, comprising more than 1 to less than 3 mass% of Li_2O .

18. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 15, having the refractive index (n_d) of less than 1.875.

19. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 15, having the refractive index (n_d) of 1.875 or more.

20. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 15, having the refractive index (n_d) of more than 1.85.

21. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 15, having the Abbe number (v_d) of less than 39.5.

22. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 15, having the Abbe number (v_d) of 39.5 or more.

23. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 15, having the transition temperature (T_g) of 640°C or less.

24. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 15, having the transition temperature (T_g) of 630°C or less.

25. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 16, comprising more than 1 to less than 3 mass% of Li_2O .

26. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 18, having the Abbe number (v_d) of 39.5 or more.

27. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 26, having the refractive index (n_d) of more than 1.85.

28. (Original) The optical glass as claimed in claim 19, having the Abbe number (v_d) of less than 39.5.